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### "NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP."

In the quiet nursery chambers, Snowy pillows yet unpressed. See the forms of little children, Kneeling, white-robed for their rest All in quiet nursery chambers,

Hear the voices of the children,-" Now I lay me down to sleep." In the meadow and the mountain Calmly shine the winter stars. But across the glistening lowlands Slant the moonlight's silver bars.

While the dusky shadows creep,

In the silence and the darkness. Darkness growing still more deep, Listen to the little children, Praying God their souls to keep. "If we die."-so pray the children, And the mother's head drops low ,

(One from out her fold, is sleeping Deep beneath this winter's snow,) " lake our souls :"-and past the casement Flits a gleam of crystal light, Like the trailing of his garments Walking evermore in white.

Little souls, that stand expectant Listening at the gates of life, Hearing, far away, the murmur Of the tumult and the strife; We, who fight beneath those banners, Meeting ranks of foemen there,

Find a deeper, broader meaning In your simple vesper prayer. When your hands shall grasp this standard. Which to-day you watch from far,

When your deeds shall shape the conflict In this universal war, Pray to Him, the God of battles, Whose strong eye can never sleep, In the warring of temptation, Firm and true your souls to keep.

When the combat ends, and slowly Clears the smoke from out the skies, When, far down the purple distance, All the noise of battles dies, When the last night's solemn shadows Settle down on you and me.

May the Love that never faileth, Take our souls eternally. Danville, V:

# Our Finances.

inflation as prosperity. He says:

loyal states appear superficially to be in a estate. prosperous condition, that such is not the When Evans called on me, according to The leases were brought to show the amount It was handed me. fact. That while the Government is engag- appointment, I questioned him closely. ampled fierceness and magnitude, and is con- had been signed when you left?" nent value to the construction of implements with the conversation we had, to forget it. country is to the same extent depleted, and signed receipt.' waste and extravagance prevail as they never Yes, it was the same I had written. must be prosecuted for the preservation of lying on the table.' cost; but the country will unquestionably be plicate?" seeming prosperity of the loyal states is owing sign. ernment and the redundant currency which ure of the signature?" Keep these facts constantly in mind, and held it up to the light. There is the mys- Deducting this, and our commission, the sum a noted optician, a client of mine, just up check at the Jersey City Bank. with a perfect consciousness that the appar- been was apparently plain, white paper.' to be unreal when the war is closed, if not the notes you paid?" more certain and more severe."

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The Unsigned Receipt.

among the young men who had read law un- delphia note.' der my direction, one whose name was Edward 'Well,' I said, 'In accepting your case I named, having deposited the rents there, liminary remarks, sat down and wrote a re- ery, and comment upon it, Marsh touched stances, I refused to take the accustomed fee suit.' for directing his son's studies. Young Marsh 'I don't intend to pay money twice; at up?' am told that they talk of him for judgeship, them.' SOLDIERS BACK PAY, BOUNTIES AND PENSIONS bar. He has ability, doubtless; and learn- case in hand, fight them we will; but you

although he has been but four years at the Very well. As have agreed to take your ing, probably; but at the outset of my legal have neither force nor material for a contest. career they did not place boys on the bench. It is simply your story against evidence oral The profession is going to the dogs, and the and written.' judiciary along with it.

but not so prominently as others.

been engaged in court all day in a very fa- was exceptional. I found Schermerhorn to merhorn showed it to me.' tiguing suit, and merely visited my office to be frank and communicative. obtain some papers that I wished to examine 'It is a matter of personal indifference to lieve Mr. Preston's signature is attached to note as described, no money paid at all, and 'Now,' said I, 'if the court and jury will at home at my liesure. While I was at my me, said he, and if it looked even fair, I it, then? secretary there came a tap at my door and, should make a mere show of opposition .- 'No, sir; because I have seen it since was clear, prompt, and decided. It seemed to the light thus '-and I set the exampleon bidding the intruder enter. Marsh came But I don't believe a single word of Evans' without a signature. But it was there.'

'Very well. Go on.'

dertake that case of Evans'.' 'I do not wish to; I have declined already. Preston's sudden death.'

How will it serve you?" Kitty and I'-

He paused, in embarrassment, and I turn-' Pray, who is Kitty, Mr. Marsh?'

'Miss Kitty Evans.'

the case of the father-in-law elect.'

Under the circumstances 1 reconsidered 'I am not so sure of that.'

er departed in high spirits.

rent collector, who had acquired some mon- erasure. That would be absurd.' in dunning delinquent tenants, and sufficient- and so not absurd." ly prompt in paying over the proceeds, so that he had a number of patrons. But he not destroy the receipt when the money was had not the best reputation along with this, taken?" He was regarded as a rather slippery fellow. the impression on my mind was adverse to I left, I said : his fairness and honesty, and I shunned him.

my services were as follows:

Among the patrons of Evans had been a its production? wealthy man named Clarence Preston. The collections made for him during one quarter had amounted to eighteen hundred and twenty dollars, which had been paid over, less the five per cent, commission, in the presence of Preston's attorney. Evans took a receipt, but went away leaving it on his patron's table. He called to get it the next morning, but was astounded to learn that Mr. Preston had been attacked by apoplexy about two hours after he had left the house and died at midnight. Mr. Van Buren, the attorney, had placed his seal on all the papers of the deceased. When the executor took charge Evans renewed his application for the receipt Mr. Schermerhorn, the executor, made search accordingly, and found a paper partly an-The great success of the five-twenty loan swering Evans' description, but differing in

recently completed, has a tendency to flatter one important particular. It recited and acthe public that the immense debt accumula- knowledged the payment of seventeen hunting is a matter of the slightest importance, dred and twenty-nine dollars; but it was Mr. McCullough, the Controller of the Cur- without a signature. Evans then went to rency at Washington, who seems to be a man the attorney as a witness, but to his consterof clear mind, warns the banks, however, not nation, the latter denied that any money had to be deceived by the present smilling con- been paid, or receipt given therefor, in his dition of the commercial interests of the coun- presence. The executor, under these cirtry-not to fall into the error of regarding cumstances, brought suit to recover the rents collected, and claimed eighteen hun-

the Government, no matter what may be its 'Might it not have been an unsigned du- amount in the hearing of Evans.

the poorer every day it is continued. The 'No: I only prepared one for Preston to for the defense. My statement was what the been any erasure.

manage the affairs of your respective banks tery. The place where the signature had was seventeen hundred and twenty-nine dol- Broadway, for a lens.

before, and be prepared, by careful manage- 'A description of one only-not its letter behalf and I put Evans on the stand. He 'We rest here,' I replied, 'reserving the I felt annoyed. Marsh had not returned, most profound gratitude for their unbounded dare to move his left.' He did so, and provment of the trust committed to you, to help or number. That was a hundred-dollar bill testified to the state of facts already laid be- farther examination of this paper.' to save the nation from a financial collapse, on the Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia. It fore the reader, and mentioned, at my ininstead of lending your influence to make it had on its back the initials of the tenant— stance, the kind of money received, and the Buren to the stand to rebut. This was a In my embarrassment I took up the receipt lant fellows pursued the rebel cavalry, and corporal's guard to reconnoitre, and the gold-John Y. Carter-of whom I received it .- fact that one bill was not bankable, but he summary of his testimony:

The year before I retired from practice I had vate mark of my own was also on the Phila- from the Shoe and Leather Bank the amount While they were conversing Evans was an- startled me.

Marsh. He was quite clever and assiduous. am bound to believe your statement; but a from time to time, as he received them. His father had been a client of mine for court and jury are not, and will not be likely A sharp cross examination now commenc- duced. After he had done so he said that His face was jubilant in the extreme. many years, and, previous to his dissolvency, to do so. You will have probably to pay the ed.

is now practicing law in one of our Western least, not if I can help it,' said Evans .- 'I did.' states, where he is quite distinguished. I Something may turn up mean while. Fight

the bench and bar. I intended to teil a sto- that I did, and I determined to drop in and the place for the signature was concealed. ry in which this young Marsh figured a little, see him after dinner, and discuss the matter in a friendly way. It was quite unprofession-I came into the case in this way. I had al to do this, of course; but the whole case signed it, and once since, when Mr. Scher- tinue him (Van Buren) in the service of the Buren.'

story. Between ourselves, your client is a 'Could you not have been mistaken?' loose piece of paper. But that isn't the way, there to dry. That was how I came to for- the seals were broken. There was no other 'I wish, as a favor to me, you would un- He would have brought his receipt-book .- get it.'

'But,' I suggested, 'how does it happen 'Mr. Van Buren vonder.' 'Why, you see, sir, I and Kitty-that is, then that the receipt, even if unsigned, was found among Preston's papers.'

'That is not easily accounted for, but it he must have seen it. might be. Evans might have left it then, 'Will you detail that conversation?' share your aversion to the case : and he pre- He was with Preston when Evans came in, the money. won't gainsay his evidence?"

'Yes, absurd!' he rejoined. 'For why tenants?'

I felt the force of this. I was worsted in ceitt.' The little intercourse I had had with him the encounter, and withdrew with the consatisfied me he was not a desirable client- viction that my case was desperate. Before

'I am instructed, and must make what de-The particular case in which he desired fense I can. Will you have the receipt at my presence. I particularly identify it by

call it, will be in court; but it is useless to You have an excellent memory,' said De-

Time slipped away. I should have nearly forgotten the case, until it had gone through its routine, took its place in the callendar, and had its day fixed. But Marsh kept it der of parties?" before me, always having discovered, weekly or oftener, some important point, which amounted to nothing, or conceived some apt suggestion, which turned out to be of no value. I understood and overlooked this meddling, on account of its object. It gave him pretexts for more frequent visits to Ev-

I was no longer young, but I looked on a lover's expedients with a forgiving eye.

had very able counsel, was ready; and so very little chance of success.

The plaintiff's counsel, Mr, Demarest, opend with a succinct statement. The defe dant me had collected rents to the amount of eighteen

receipts to prove the amounts were actually ed in lead pencil mechanical industry from work of perma- to dry, and that is how I came, engrossed was sworn, who witnessed the payment and plied objection. signing of the receipt by Evans-for it was 'No, sir, persisted Evans. 'It was sign- again, and cut me off. nation he admitted he had not seen the table to dry.' before prevailed in the United States, the knew it by my own handwriting, and by a but saw his employer pay money in gold to find no traces of signature by the eye; but hesitation. Produce your witness.'

> reader expects; but we denied having receiv- 'Send for one, then, by all means,' said the one whose clerk had testified, forts-five latitude admissible in the case.

lars, which was paid over. allowed a party to be examined in his own your other witnesses.'

a very profitable one. From regard for him, money in the end, and it would be well to 'Now, sir,' said the opposite counsel, 'you expected the remainder on the next day he not quite done. Here is another witness. I and in consideration of his altered circum- do it without the expense and trouble of a have stated that a receipt was signed on a would wait and make one payment of it. - propose to examine the receiving teller loose piece of paper. Who drew that receipt To this Mr. Preston acceded, and after some the Jersey City Bank.'

> 'It was entirely in your handwriting then?' Mr. Preston was attacked with apoplexy, the having been placed on it. He had received ' Yes, sir, all except the signature.'

'How many such receipts did you write?' but could do nothing effectual for the relief in New York. 'Only one.'

'Are you positive of that?' 'Quite positive.'

The counsel here produced a manuscript, the secretary, which, with the rest, he sealed. vertently, I knew Mr. Schermerhorn, the sole execu- It was the blank receipt found by Schermer- He believed this receipt was among them, 'Do you know,' I enquired, 'from whom However, I did not commence an essay on tor, very well. He lived in the same block horn. He showed it to Evans, so folded that but he did not examine particularly. He you received it?" 'Did you ever see that paper before?"

'I beg your pardon, sir,' said he, 'but I very silly and unprofitable piece of reguery. 'No, sir. I wrote the body of that receipt, identified the blank receipt as one he had with the surrounding smooth surface of the would like to have a little conversation with He is too sharp a fellow to have left a receipt and saw Mr. Preston sign it. There was no behind him, even if he took one upon a blotting paper on the table, and I let it le papers. Mr. Van Buren was present when ly the signature of Clarence Preston.

The claim is an after thought on hearing of 'Who was present when the receipt was notes answering the description, had been the court.

'Do you think he saw the money paid?'

intending to pay the money but neglecting 'Substantially. I said to Mr. Preston that but the optician came himself with a small chemist wrote an order, and soon returned it, or might have left it before. At all events Burnes, one of the tenants, had paid me in glass, and an envelope directed to me. I with a vial and a sponge. 'Oh, I see,' I rejoined, laughing. 'Kitty it proves nothing for you. For there is Van uncurrent money—that handred dollar bill opened the latter. It contained a hundredis our daughter, and you want me to take up Buren-an upright man of unimpeachable on a Philadelphia bank. Van Buren said, dollar bill and a slip of paper, on which was fested itself by profound stillness, the jurycharacter-who is ready to swear that no mon- 'It is so small a shave, Preston, that you written: 'Why, you see, sir, the rest of the bar ey was paid that night, and no receiptpassed. can stand it.' Mr. Preston laughed and took

fers you, at any rate. If you would take it and remained with him after he went, until 'And you positively swear that such a con- Jersey City for an important witness. Hur- writing. At once, distinctly enough, but blurup at my instance it would be of service to be was attacked with the apoplectic fit. You versation substantially took place on that oc- rah for success and Kitty.'

· I do.'

my refusal, and told Marsh to send Kitty's 'Not so sure! Why, man, you can only 'Now, sir, let me put a hypothetical case made a close and tedious scrutiny of the refather to me on the following day. The loy- do it on the supposition that Van Buren him- to you, and ask you if it be not possible that ceipt with the magnifier.' self pocketed the money, and then blew the it mig t not have occurred. Might you not This Evans was a real-estate agent and signature away-for it shows no mark of an have written this receipt, and then have felt disinclined to pay at the moment? Did you 'I find traces of a signature, your Honor,' business that from that day flowed in on Evey by his profession. He was indefatigable 'Improbable, possibly, but not impossible, not, in fact, excuse yourself from paying on the ground of dilatoriness on the part of

'No, sir " returned Evans, indignantly .-· I paid, as I have stated, and took that re-

But that receipt has no signature.' 'I know it, and I can't account for it. But tion I conferred with the optician apart. it had. That is certainly the one I wrote,

His story was clear and brief. and which Mr. I'reston afterward signed in When Marsh came for the glass he recognized him, having seen him at my office, and trial, or put me to the trouble of compelling two flaws or specks in the paper which I noticed as I wrote the receipt for the signa-'No need of process. The receipt, as you ture, and which are there now.'

you, as you will say yourself whenever you marest, dryly. 'You bank at the Shoe and current-if he will take it.' Leather?

collections over in a check drawn to the or-

'Yes, sir; but Mr. Preston always seemed to prefer that I should bring money.'

· Did he tell you so?' 'No, not in words.'

'This, then, was an isolated instance?'

stand aside, sir.' jurymen looked carelessly around the room. as quickly as ; ossible.

They had evidently made up their minds, evidence as yet; but it strengthened our case very slow. So close was the atmosphere in was I, for defendant, though I could see but and adversely to us. I was too well read in nevertheless. jury nature not to perceive it. 'Are you through, sir?' said the judge to The jury were evidently satisfied that there would go out.

nation, whatever may be the external indica- couple of specks in the paper, I had neg- Evans, and brought the receipt-book himself, on passing the end of my little finger over I recalled Evans, who identified the note help to them. They found the national unitions, is not prospering. The war in which lected to bring my receipt-book with me, and for Evans to sign a receipt, which he, the the spot where the signature should have as one he had paid Mr. Preston, not only by form a better disguise than if they had been pelling facalties, combativeness and dewe are involved is a stern necessity, and wrote the receipt on a loose piece of paper clerk, had written for three hundred. He been, I thought I could detect a slight rough- the initials of the tenant, but by his own, in provided with genuine rebel uniforms. In structiveness, small, and I thought to myself, had been instructed to write one for that ness. I mentioned this, and suggested if we minute letters, and in red ink, with the date order to elude the pursuers who they knew what is the sense and reason of sending such had a magnifying glass such as engravers appended which he had made on its receipt would soon be on their track, they scattered a natural coward to West Point? . The plaintiff rested his case, and I opened use, we might discover whether there had on the face of the note, and which would es- as much as possible. Many were their hard- But then I reasoned that there would prob-

mainly to the large expenditures of the Gov- Were there any marks showing an eras- ed so much, as we had allowed one tenant, the judge. 'I am disposed to allow all the to look for Van Buren, but that worthy gen- next morning were bus whacking in every di- cate the cowards as any other institution."-

'In the meanwhile,' continued the judge, for he thought I had shot my bolt. The ju- suers, cannot be expressed. To the officers well known. Lee said, 'I know McClellan ent prosperity of the country will be proved 'Have you the number and description of The new law, just then going into effect, 'to economize time, suppose you go on with ry, which had begun to sympathize with us, and men of the 11th Pennsylvania cavalry, for a natural coward, and it I draw every looked their disappointment.

The other notes were those of the Shoe and had taken it, subject to Preston's approval .- | He had visited his client, Preston, on the turn it in such a way that the light fell upon Leather Bank, with whom I deposit. A pri- Before going to Preston's house, he drew third of November, the evening in question. it, at an acute angle, I saw something that required, excepting the hundred-dollar bill nounced. He came in, and after some pie- Before I had time to announce my discov

> ceipt, which he believed was the one pro- me, and whispered in my ear. I turned,the tenants had not all paid up, but as he 'If it please the court,' I said, 'we have

> indifferent remarks Evans left. Van Buren The teller was placed on the stand. He sat on, continuing the conversation. When identified the note-his own private mark

> lawver alarmed the house. A doctor came it, as it was current in that bank, though not of the patient. When the latter died Van It should, however, have been sent on in Buren gathered the papers on the table, and the Philadelphia package in making the exthrust them into a long, narrow drawer in change. It must have been paid out inad-

sealed the papers because he had drawn up 'Yes sir. It was deposited, along with Mr. Preston's will, and knew that it contain- sixteen hundred dollars in New York funds 'Yes, sir, twice. Once when Mr. Preston ed a recommendation to the executor to con- the fifth of November last by Alevn Van

estate. As to the conversation detailed by Before the sensation had subsided I made When Mr. Preston signed it. You be- Evans it never took place. He saw no such another communication which heightened it. no receipt signed by Preston. His testimony examine this receipt, by holding it an angle they will see a dark line which the ink and The executor next took the stand, and the acids that removed it make by contrast found in the narrow drawer along with other paper; and they can make out rather plain-

The examination verified my statement. One of the jury now arose and addressed

receipt. No such sum of money, nor any

al statements.

tiently, ' what do you make out?"

the strokes have indented the paper.'

finally, to the judge. During the examina-

'Where did you get this?' he asked.

found in the house, nor on the person of Mr. 'I am an analytical chemist by prefession said he. 'If that signature was originally The cross-examination of both these wit- written in ink, and erased by acid, I think I · Certainly. He spoke in such a way that nesses was ineffectual in varying their sever- can restore it if you will send to the nearest druggists for the means.

The case rested. Marsh did not return, Marsh took a slip of paper on which the

Amidst intense excitement, which maniman poured some of the colorless liquid from 'Examine the bearer about the inclosed, the vial on the sponge. He then drew the Delay the case until my return. I am off to latter over the spot that showed traces of red and blotted by the manipulation, there I smiled at the closing words, examined appeared, in a faint, blue-black color, the the bank-bill and held my peace. I then name of Clarence Preston.

sition; and judge, jury, counsel, and plain-'Well, Mr. Latitat,' said the judge impa- tiff shook hands with Evans, and congratulated him on his vindicated reputation. The was my reply. 'The ink has been skillfully ans, made his fortune. He was grateful to and carefully removed, I think; but the sig- all concerned, particularly to Marsh, who nature has been written with a steel pen, and married Miss Kitty the week following his own admission to the bar. As for Mr. Van The receipt and glass were passed, firstly Buren, he left town, and his present whereto the opposite counsel, then to the jury, and, abouts is impossible to determine.

## Escape of the Union Officers from Richmond.

Some of the Union officers, who lately made their escape from Richmond, reached 'I owe Mr. Latitat a hundred dollars and Baltimore on Wednesday. They have an inan apology for not having sent it before. I teresting story to tell. They were fifty-one have a Philadelphia note here-good but not days in making the tunnel to the outside of could buy. He bought a heifer. His broth-Libby. Having managed to find access to Marsh was on the qui vice for Philadelphia the cellar they commenced work, relieving bills, and with some remarks about lawyer's one another as opportunity offered. Their 'Are you not in the habit of paying your fees not being always paid in current funds, instruments were case-knives, pocket-knives, took the note in his hand. To his surprise chisels and files. Twice they had to abandon it was on the Mechanic's Bank of Philadel- their work and commence anew on account

phia, and on its back were the initials-'J, of obstructions which they could not pass. They hoped to avail themselves of a culvert. but found it impracticable. After getting 'From the Jersey City Bank,' was the re- through the wall, they disposed of the excavated soil by drawing it out in a spit toon Marsh explained the case briefly to the which they attached to a cold. This would 'Ah!' returned the counsel. 'You can optician, who promised to go into court with be filled by the party at work in the tunnel. the note, while the young man would en- and pulled out into the cellar by their com-Evans still lingered on the stand. The deavor to get the proper bank officer there panions, who disposed of it by spreading it The day of trial came. The plaintiff who Some fidgeted in their seats, others yawned. There was not a certain connection in the beneath the straw. The work was necessarily the tunnel that they could remain in it but a The receipt and glass came back to me. few minutes at a time, and their candles

had been a signature; but whether that was At one time they got so near a bend of the 'Yes, sir.' But here an idea struck me. Preston's or not was an open question. The street that a small hole about the size of a hundred and sixty-five dollars, as the agent Stay a moment, Mr. Evans. It is possible counsel for the pl intiff, after a short confer- stove pipe broke through, but fortunately of Clarence Preston, now deceased. He had that on closer examination some of your tes- ence with Van Buren, intimated that the this was not discovered by the guard, and neglected and refused to pay this over, and timony may lead to an explanation of one writing apparently erased was by the same was of great service admitting air, enabling "Bear constantly in mind, although the dred and sixty-five dollars as due to the for this sum, now due the estate, suit was or two doubtful points. Let me have that hand that had written the body of the receipt. them to prosecute their work more rapidly. Evans sprang to his feet at the imputation The tunnel, when completed, was about 60 himself were "old cronies," as he expressed in great excitement; but I calmed him. I feet long, and opened into an old tobacco it; he often came into his office to listen to of rents, and these I admitted to save time. 'Are you sure, sir, as to the mode of sig- then asked permission to reopen the case on shed beyond the line of guards. As soon as his examinations; and when, once on a time, ed in the suppression of a rebellion of unex- 'Are you sure,' I asked, 'that the receipt The tenants were brought forward with their nature? Is it not possible that it was sign- the part of the defense, as testimony of the they found the way clear they emerged slow- the lad George was home from West Point utmost importance had been unexpectedly ly, in small squads, of two or three, and the father brought his two sons to have stantly draining the country of its laboring Positively. There was no blotting-paper paid to Evans except in one instance where Not at all leading that question, suggest- found. I sauntered off until they got clear of the their characters phrenologically discanted and producing population, and diverting its and I let it lie for a few minutes on the table a tenant was out of town. There his clerk ed Demarest; but I would not hear the im- was as prosy as possible in reply, so as to guards, making their way towards the Wil- upon. Says Mr. Fowler: "I remember ali gain more time. The judge grew impatient liamsburg road by the shortest route. The the circumstances as if it were but vesterday, of warfare; while cities are crowded, and the 'Did Mr. Schermerhorn show you the un- for three hundred dollars. On cross exami- ed with ink, and that is why I left it on the 'That will do, Mr. Latitat. In a case in- the rebel soldiers whom they met were hab- then passed through my mind." "Never," volving character-and where there is mani- ited in the army coats of Uncle Sam, which with great emphasis, "never in my life, had I amount to count it, that was actually paid; I looked at the paper carefully. I could fest periury somewhere—there can be no they had stolen from the supplies sent to our I found such an inordinate development of cape notice except upon close inspection. ships and sufferings, and frequent were their ably never be any war to call for military When the optician took the stand I turned narrow escapes from rebel cavalry, who the genius, and West Point might as well edu-

tlemen had left the court-room. The note rections for them.

otherwise would have been recaptured .-There is good reason to hope that many more will vet come in safe.

Comfort Olds, of Morriston.

The following sketch of this "old settler," was handed us by Cephas Fassett, of this town. By whom prepared we do not know. We wish, however, the writer would give us more of the same sort :

Comfort Olds, one of the first settlers of Morristown, was born in Brookfield, Mass., July 29th, 1760. He moved from Brookfield to Morristown, Vt., March, 1791. He came with an ox-team: he had a wife and two small children. The distance was little short of two hundred miles, and he was about four [weeks on the way. There was no road through Morristown or Stowe -nothing but marked trees to go by-so that he had to go around upon the other side of the mountain, through Underhill, Cambridge and Johnson, to get to Morristown. He had previously bought a lot of land, the place afterward called the Geo. Poor farm, now owned by H. bingham, S. Rand and - Griswell, on the Laport road in said

town. As there was no prospect of there ever being a road near him, he without doing much on the place, exchanged it for the place where he afterwards lived and died. His nearest neighbor south was ten miles from him. After a few years, a man by the name of Luce moved into Stowe, with his family -distance, three miles from him-which was comparatively about near enough. By that time he had got something of a road. His nearest neighbor north, for a while was two miles from him. He was the first town clerk chosen in town, which was in March, 1796, and he held the office for six years. He was regular member of the Methodist denomination from 1800 as long as he lived, and a class leader for more than thirty years. He died April 22d, 1839, aged 79 vrs.

One or two incidents to show how the first settlers got along with their hardships:

To get their grinding done, they had to go to Cambridge to mill. Mr. Olds had lost one of his oxen soon after he came into town. He borrowed a pair of one Mr. Goodale to go to! mill with expecting to get back about the middle of the week, but a severe snow storm prevented. Thinking he had only wood enough to last a few days, he must return himself and leave the team. So on Wednesday night, though late, he arrived at his home. Mrs. Olds had sat up late, waiting for him, till she had burnt up all the wood she had, and went to bed with her two little children fearing the consequence of the storm. After she had been in bed awhile, he came to the cor and called to come in. At first she was so startled that she did not know his voice. She supposed somebody had come to tell her that Mr. Olds had perished in the storm. She let him in, and he

cut wood enough to make a fire to get warm

by Next morning he got wood enough to

last through the remainder of the week, and

started hack for Cambridge to get his team

and on Saturday he got home with his grist

Soon after Mr. Olds came into town, the

next spring I think, as he used to tell the circumstance, he lost his only cow. He had a brother living in Randolph, and in order to get another cow, started for his brothe. 's by marked trees, through Stowe and Wateroury, to his first neighbor's ten miles distant. From there he crossed what is called the "Hogback," keeping on the north side of the river till he jot to Montpelier, as there was no bridges in Middlesex and Waterbury. He went on to his brother's in Randolph, hoping he could find a cow that he er told him the heifer would not do to take into the woods; so he exchanged with him letting him have an older cow with a bell on her. He told him to let the cow go with that on, as he would want it in the woods .-He drove the cow along for home; when he got back to Waterbury to his last neighbor. Mr. Hill, he made a call. He got home and put her in a yard which he had made by falling trees, for the purpose of keeping her in nights. A few mornings after he went out and could not find her! and without telling his family he started after her. Finding her track, he hurried on, hoping he should hear the bell, but he could hear nothing, and at in shallow layers over the floor, concealing it last arrived at Mr. Hill's. Mr. Hill hearing a bell in the night, happened to think of Mr. Olds and his cow, had got up and found her in his yard. Mr. Olds stayed and got some breakfast, and got home with his cow the same day .- Newsdealer.

# A Bump-er to McClellan.

In a recent lecture in Maine, Fowler, the phrenologist, related the following phrenological reminiscence of "Little Mac.":

The father of George B. McClellan and darkness favored them, and the fact that all and I remember the train of reasoning that prisoners by our government, was of great the organ of 'caution' as in the head of

He said his life had only proved his early these expenditures seem to render necessary. Not the slightest that I could see, and I dollars for taxes, water rents and assessments. I at once dispatched Marsh to the shop of was promptly identified as one paid out on a The joy which they experienced when they convictions, and referring to the seven days' first caught sight of our troops sent out to battle related that a personal friend was then 'Is that all?' asked Demarest, maliciously, help them and protect them from their pur- in Richmond, and the plan of the battle was whom they first met, they expressed their whole force upon his right wing, he will not available man from Richmond, and hurl our and I hastily began to think of some plan ro kindness, and also bear testimony to the tes- ed he really did know his adversary; for which lay on the table, and happening to rescued many of the way worn fugutives who en opportunity was passed by."